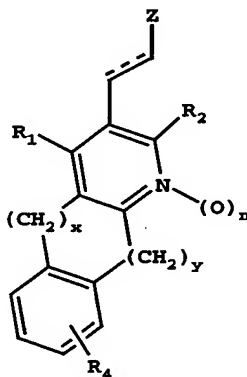
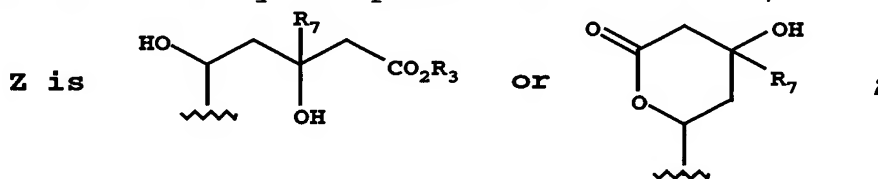


HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS AND METHODAbstract of the Disclosure

Compounds of the following structure are HMG CoA
 5 reductase inhibitors and thus are active in inhibiting
 cholesterol biosynthesis, modulating blood serum lipids,
 for example, lowering LDL cholesterol and/or increasing
 HDL cholesterol, and treating hyperlipidemia,
 dyslipidemia, hormone replacement therapy,
 10 hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia and
 atherosclerosis as well as Alzheimer's disease and
 osteoporosis



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,



n is 0 or 1;

x is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, provided that at least one of
 20 x and y is other than 0; and optionally one or more
 carbons of $(CH_2)_x$ and/or $(CH_2)_y$ together with additional
 carbons form a 3 to 7 membered spirocyclic ring;

R_1 and R_2 are the same or different and are
 independently selected from alkyl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl,
 alkenyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl or
 25 cycloheteroalkyl;

R_3 is H or lower alkyl;

R_4 and R_7 are as defined herein.